

Spring 2010

# University of Northern Iowa Today, v93n3 [v94n1], Spring 2010

University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.uni.edu/alumninews>



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

*Let us know how access to this document benefits you*

---

## Recommended Citation

University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association, "University of Northern Iowa Today, v93n3 [v94n1], Spring 2010" (2010). *UNI Today*. 22.  
<https://scholarworks.uni.edu/alumninews/22>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the UNI Alumni Association at UNI ScholarWorks. It has been accepted for inclusion in UNI Today by an authorized administrator of UNI ScholarWorks. For more information, please contact [scholarworks@uni.edu](mailto:scholarworks@uni.edu).



**University of  
Northern Iowa**

*Today*

Spring 2010

**Panther Pride**



## **Your university is a place of creation and change.**

University of Northern Iowa faculty and staff are making breakthroughs that benefit the university in a multitude of ways: recognition by the public, peers and prospective students; income through licenses and patents; and unique experiences for UNI students, to name a few. As you read about the four innovations featured in "Creation UNI-style," take note of the accompanying stories about the UNI Research Foundation and about Kayla Boyle, a Presidential Scholar (get some insight from her Presidential Scholar predecessors on page 7), and one of many UNI students employed with research projects across campus. It's easy to take her experience for granted at UNI; while undergraduate research is a hallmark of a UNI education, it's not always the case at other universities.

As those on campus seek to improve our lives through research, UNI as a whole is investigating and applying ways to improve the university. To that end, two changes were recently announced. The first is the merger of the College of Humanities and Fine Arts and the College of Natural Sciences. The second is realigning the Division of University Advancement, which houses the UNI Foundation and the UNI Alumni Association. You can read more about these changes to the university's structure on page 22.

The UNI Alumni Association and UNI Foundation are doing their own study about how we can best serve you with the resources available to us. Send me your thoughts and ideas, anytime, with an e-mail to [mark.jastorff@uni.edu](mailto:mark.jastorff@uni.edu).



We appreciate your input, as we create positive changes for all UNI alumni and friends.

Go Panthers!

A stylized, handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Mark Jastorff', written over a series of horizontal lines.

Mark Jastorff

President and CEO, UNI Alumni Association

# University of Northern Iowa *Today*

## The **University of Northern Iowa** magazine

Volume 93, Number 3  
Spring 2010

**Editor:** Rebecca Schultze

**Art director:** Elizabeth Conrad  
LaVelle

**Photography:** Randy Darst, Molly  
Wade

**Other contributors:** Alli Born,  
Beth Bruns, Stacey Christensen, Liz  
Conklin, Carolyn Dorr, Jessica Moon,  
Colin McDonough, Amy Mohr, Ruth  
Ratliff, Sue Schuerman, Mary Taylor

### **President and CEO, UNI Alumni Association:**

Mark Jastorff  
[mark.jastorff@uni.edu](mailto:mark.jastorff@uni.edu)

University of Northern Iowa Today is  
published during the fall, winter and  
spring by the UNI Alumni Association  
and the Office of University  
Marketing & Public Relations.

UNI Today is distributed to all  
alumni and select friends each fall.  
The winter and spring issues are  
mailed to members of the Alumni  
Association and select benefactors of  
the University of Northern Iowa.

Send address changes and Class  
Notes submissions to [info@unialum.org](mailto:info@unialum.org), [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org) or by mail to  
University of Northern Iowa Today,  
UNI Alumni Association, 1012 W.  
23rd Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa  
50614-0284.

Suggestions and contributions  
for articles are welcome. E-mail  
[unitoday@uni.edu](mailto:unitoday@uni.edu) or call  
319-273-6728.

University Marketing & Public  
Relations  
University of Northern Iowa  
126 East Bartlett Hall  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0392  
[www.uni.edu](http://www.uni.edu)  
[www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org)

UNI is an equal opportunity educator  
and employer with a comprehensive  
plan for affirmative action.

**The Cover:** Panther fans  
gather on the Eldon Miller plaza  
to send the men's basketball  
team to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen  
in St. Louis.



UNI fuels Iowa  
economy, page 10



Can you forgive  
me?, page 12



Diversity awards,  
page 20

## 2 Creating UNI-style

*You may have never seen a "made at UNI" label, but  
inventors and innovators are hard at work on campus.  
Read about a small sample of ideas cultivated at UNI.*

## 7 Insights into success

*UNI's first class of Presidential Scholars graduated 20  
years ago. Find out how members of this prestigious  
group view success today.*

## 10 UNI fuels Iowa's economy

*UNI is an economic engine in Iowa.*

## 12 Back to Class: Can you forgive me?

## 16 Take TC on vacation

## Departments

### 14 Panther Athletics

### 18 College & University

*News from around campus*

### 23 Foundation Update

### 26 UNI Alumni Association News

### 28 Class Notes

### 33 Calendar of Events

## UNI Today Online Extra:

See these stories and much more at:  
[www.unialum.org/unitoday](http://www.unialum.org/unitoday)

The University of Northern Iowa is a member of CASE, the Council  
for the Advancement and Support of Education. UNI is an equal  
opportunity educator and employer with a comprehensive plan for  
affirmative action.



# create: to produce through imaginative skill

# Creating UNI-style

by Rebecca Schultze

*Want to create something new?*

*Start by blending imagination with curiosity. Add a dash of ingenuity and a sprinkle of support. And don't forget to include a healthy helping of tenacity.*

*Results may vary.*

Following is a small sample of the outcomes produced at the University of Northern Iowa, and a bit about the people behind them.

## Powering the future

Imagine an energy source small enough, light enough and powerful enough to run everything from cell phones to cars and small-scale power plants. And imagine that you can use the by-product to water your lawn.

UNI assistant professor of physics Tim Kidd is creating the mechanism that will make that possible. New materials he's creating in UNI's Begeman

Hall will store energy, in the form of hydrogen, at high densities.

"Unlike batteries, which end up in landfills, or gasoline, which gives off pollutants and greenhouse gases, the only by-product from using hydrogen as an energy source is water," he said. "If our material can be shown to work safely and economically, that would allow us to run our cars and gadgets with far less waste and even reduce our dependence on oil and other fossil fuels."

Kidd works with a team of UNI faculty from chemistry and physics, who are committed to empowering

UNI students involved with the research and exposing them to the process of discovery.



Tim Kidd and UNI senior Shanon Davis work in the lab inside Begeman Hall.

"It's like being the first person to discover an uncharted island," Kidd said about his work, which is also his hobby. If he didn't work in a lab every day, he says he'd have one in his garage.

The biggest hurdle Kidd has had to overcome—aside from losing track of time in the lab—is accepting failure.

"If batting .400 is the pinnacle for a baseball player, .050 would maybe be great for a scientist."

But when Kidd connects, you can bet it'll be a homerun.

## Energized by the team

Collaboration has become an essential component to Vicki Oleson's work.

Oleson, UNI mathematics instructor, leads Student Online Achievement Resources (SOAR), a Congressionally funded partnership among UNI, the Military Impacted Schools Association, The Princeton Review and Houghton Mifflin. She's also worked with an outside creative firm and individuals across campus.

"We are working with the Center for Social and Behavioral Research as we evaluate 'Making Sense' videos and resources," she said. "Recently we shot early childhood videos that drew from the expertise of faculty in the Center for Early Childhood Development, Malcolm Price Laboratory School and the Department of Physics."

SOAR is a series of educational assessments, video tutorials and resources that meet the unique needs of military families and the schools that serve them. It equips the parents with the tools to take an active role in their children's education.



Vicki Oleson



The registration and resources are free and available at <http://soarathome.com>.

"Our ideas for SOAR continue to evolve," Oleson said. "Our moments of discovery continue!"

The "power of team" is something Oleson draws energy and inspiration from, as starting a new endeavor in academia meant a steep learning curve as she navigated the university's procedures and protocols.

"Attention to details is not always fun; paperwork is not fun, but it's necessary," she said. "Many people helped me along the way."

## UNI student gets in on research action early

Engagement in meaningful research is one of the valuable out-of-class opportunities available to University of Northern Iowa students as undergraduates. As a chemistry major, Kayla Boyle has spent the last two years working in the lab alongside her adviser, UNI associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry Laura Strauss. Their efforts have contributed to the hydrogen fuel-cell project led by UNI associate professor of physics Tim Kidd. (Learn more about this project on page 2.)



Kayla Boyle, with adviser Laura Strauss in the background.

Boyle, a presidential scholar at UNI, recognizes she was fortunate to begin research as a sophomore, an opportunity reserved for graduate students at many institutions. The lab has become one of her favorite places on campus.

"The lab is where I do the research I enjoy, and it has also been a quiet place for me to focus and study—once I learned how to ignore the constant humming and clicking of the vacuum pumps," she said.

Her involvement with research as an undergraduate has confirmed Boyle's desire to pursue a graduate degree in chemistry after she graduates from UNI.

## Unlikely inspiration

From the barbershop to the arcade, Rick Klein has had his "aha moments" in some unlikely places.

While getting his hair cut, he learned about U.S. soldiers using lasers to target bombings. Klein, a senior research technician for UNI's Iowa Waste Reduction Center, transferred the image to training painters to spray at the correct distance. LaserPaint was born. LaserPaint is a spray-gun attachment that improves overall efficiency.

VirtualPaint is a virtual-reality paint-training simulator that teaches spray technicians the proper techniques without using an ounce of paint. The insight for this product came while Klein watched two people immersed in a virtual world while playing a video game.

"At the time, IWRC trainers were having problems training painters on basic techniques, so it seemed natural to incorporate a virtual training world and reduce overall training costs and materials used," he said. The LaserPaint and VirtualPaint technologies are both used in UNI's STAR4Defense painter training program.

"The best part of the work is the savings seen by businesses and military, as well as the environmental benefits that come from using the training products," Klein said.



A Jamaican student uses LaserPaint under the guidance of an Inter-American Air Forces Academy (IAAFA) instructor at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. IAAFA is a STAR4Defense satellite site that provides training and education to U.S. allies aerospace forces.

## Small warriors, serious battles

UNI associate professor of biology Michael Walter is improving America's safety and security with naturally occurring microscopic fighters.

A product he is developing detects anthrax spores, then treats and decontaminates the infected area with bacteriophages (viruses of bacteria). The



Michael Walter



bacteriophages bind to and destroy anthrax cells and spores.

Walter's invention will increase bio-safety and -security for those who may be exposed to anthrax or other bio-agents. The technology this device employs in detection is transferrable to other airborne and food-borne agents.

"It was obvious to me that the natural enemy of the anthrax bacterium could be used to control it," he said. "Our response to the October 2001 anthrax attacks was expensive and largely inadequate. I hope our inventions will remedy that and reduce damage and injury from such attacks."

Walter said that the path to discovery was "a slow reading, thinking, testing and development process that continues to this day."

He enjoys exploring the diversity and structure of naturally occurring bacteriophages and meeting other researchers, which outweighs the drudgery of reading patent materials.

"Try it sometime," he said. "You'll understand."

## Idea production and protection

Intellectual property is any new, novel and useful product created by the minds of individuals through their own research and development.

At the University of Northern Iowa, the Office of Intellectual Property and the UNI Research Foundation manage and protect the university's intellectual properties, including patents, trade secrets, copyrights and trademarks.

Any UNI employee with a new, novel and useful product should contact the university's Intellectual Property Officer prior to any type of public exposure, including publication or public presentation. The Intellectual Property Officer provides support during the process to claim intellectual property rights.

Any individual using UNI facilities to develop intellectual property or who receives grant or contract funding that flows through the university are required to assign inventions and patents to the UNI Research Foundation. The UNI Research Foundation manages the university's intellectual properties and receives, disburses and manages the profits. The creator(s) receive the first \$10,000 in profits, after which the profits are split, 50/50, between the creator(s) and the university.

- Over the past four years, the number of inventions and overall intellectual property activity at UNI has tripled.
- State of Iowa support through the Grow Iowa Values Fund (GIVF) and Battelle funds has enabled 19 research projects, with substantial commercial potential, to either be launched or completed.
- Iowa companies have generated more \$20 million in revenue as a result of licensed technology from UNI innovation.
- On average, each year UNI faculty and staff submit 12 new intellectual property disclosures; receive three to four patents; file four to five new patents; and receive two to three new license agreement approvals.





*An honors discussion in 1987 led by professor Charles Quirk.*

# Insights into success

***UNI's first class of Presidential Scholars share "success stories"***

by Rebecca Schultze

**T**wenty years ago the first class of Presidential Scholars graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. These students came to the university as freshmen in 1984, recognized for the highest levels of academic excellence, scholastic efforts and promise. Now, 20 years after receiving their degrees from UNI, eight members of this class reflect on success.

## **How do you define success?**

"My favorite definition of success was and is the definition attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson [with the poem 'In Search of Success'], 'To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people...' I had it in my room at college and on my desk today."



**Michael R. Armbrrecht**  
Education: B.A. in accounting from UNI  
M.B.A. in 1996 from University of Chicago  
Profession: Assistant controller for Honeywell Aerospace

"For me, success isn't dependent upon a title, salary or how a person is perceived by others in the business world. Rather, success is feeling that, at the end of the day, I'm happy with the choices I made,

I'm content with the role I played, and that I made a positive impact somewhere in the various groups I'm involved in (be it my family, friends or colleagues). Overall, success is knowing I can sleep well at night with the decisions I made that day."



**Marcia S. Cook**  
Education: B.A. in English from UNI  
J.D. in 1993 from University of Arkansas-Fayetteville  
Profession: Executive coordinator for Peruvian Connection, Ltd.

"Anything I write sounds trite, but the best I can do is to take a thought from David Sokol's book, 'Pleased But Not Satisfied.' I suggest that when one is pleased with his or her life, but not satisfied to the extent of ceasing to grow or learn new things, then he or she has found success. Success is a process of continual improvement and not an ultimate destination."



**Gary Hoogeveen**  
Education: B.S. in physics from UNI  
Ph.D. in 1994 from Rice University  
Profession: President of Kern River Gas Transmission Company



**Do you measure success differently now than you did at graduation? If so, how?**

"During high school and college I equated 'success' more with personal gain. I wanted to have a great high-paying job because that's what I thought of when I heard the word 'success.' I didn't think as much about the happiness factor, nor did I think beyond myself. Now, I realize how short life is, and my main goal is happiness. Realizing that goal means doing what's right for my entire family."

Debbi (Hoepner) Bracker  
Education: B.A. in English  
M.A. in 2000 from UNI  
Profession: Stay-at-home mom and wife, avid cooking and recipe contestant



Debbi (Hoepner) Bracker meeting with professor Barbara Lounsberry in 1987.

"Yes. There also has to be some sort of balance with your personal life, much more than I realized right when I graduated. Things that deserve as much, if not more, attention than I put into my work: friends, family, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, hobbies."

Jim Zimmerman  
Education: B.A. in math for modeling and computer science from UNI  
Profession: Systems analyst at State Farm Insurance

"Indeed, my definition of success has changed greatly over the years—I think stepping out from college and into my first job in the 'real world,' I initially succumbed to a more traditional definition, equating success with a senior-level, 'important' and high-paying job that provides security and comfort. But I quickly learned that, for me, in spite of the good paying job I'd secured, complete with a company car, great benefits and located in the city of my dreams (San Francisco), I still felt somehow incomplete. As much as I respected (and indeed still respect) my initial employer, before long I found myself spending a good part of my nights and weekends in the inner city Tenderloin district of San Francisco, performing volunteer work with youth-at-risk or conducting AIDS education outreach to support vulnerable and often discarded populations such as the homeless and troubled teens. I slowly came to realize that it was in these activities, all done in my spare time, that I felt the greatest sense of success. I eventually embraced this revelation, and followed my heart—quitting my job and heading off to serve with the Peace Corps in Ecuador as a rural health volunteer, which was a life-changing experience.

"What I learned from my Peace Corps service and beyond, is that success is individualized—it can be measured in so many ways and is entirely subjective in nature. In Ecuador, I came to realize that some of the most successful and generous of people are those with often the least amount of material wealth. I continually witnessed this while working among and alongside some of the poorest-of-the-poor *campesino* farmers in the Andes Mountains who were always willing to open their doors, share what little food or other limited resources they had with those in need, without a second thought. Their bold actions of complete generosity, even

in the face of utter poverty, proved to be a valuable lesson for me in refining my definition of 'success.'

"And so, my own personal definition of success has become this: Doing the best I can to make a difference in the lives of people in need, working towards a world of peace and acceptance for ALL, and embracing a life of 'less is more' in support of protecting the environment and our limited resources crucial for sustaining our existence.

"Living my life in this way has been most rewarding and has provided me with a sense of peace and fulfillment—which I wouldn't trade for all the money in the world!"

Jodi Hammer-Hirtle  
Education: B.A. in general studies from UNI  
M.A. in 1997 from University of the District of Columbia, Howard campus  
Profession: Peace Corps career center coordinator; career and life coach

**How did UNI prepare you for success?**

"The obvious answer is in educating me for my career, but that was not the most significant factor. I met and worked with amazing people in our Presidential Scholars seminars. We were encouraged to think for ourselves, to go beyond the classroom and into life. I learned about living a full life. Dr. Charles Quirk encouraged us to plan and request a trip when we took a class on Urban Society Issues. Dr. Paul Rider encouraged us to find our voice and stand up for what we believed in. Dr. Ronald Johnson sat and talked with me as my Scholars adviser, and we discussed dreaming big and looking for ways that music influences and enriches life. Dr. Thomas Berg challenged me to think about schools and society—the purpose of education. Brian Huot, who helped run the Writing Center at UNI,

helped me learn how to teach by listening, and how to research and follow my dreams, but enjoy life at the same time. Dr. Ed Amend had us over to dinner after our first seminar, and his laughter and scholarship still guide me. I learned a lot about life at UNI."

Heather Merrick Feuerhelm  
Education: B.A. in English from UNI  
M.A. in 2000 from UNI  
Profession: Literacy consultant at Grant Wood AEA

"Through my classes at UNI, especially those in the philosophy and religion department, I was forced to really test my beliefs about God and the Bible. It was a rich and challenging time, and I grew a lot because of it. I especially appreciate the professors. The opportunity to get to know them personally as well as to interact and exchange ideas with them in an open, non-threatening environment helped prepare me for what I have been doing ever since."



Tracy Lesan  
Education: B.A. in philosophy and religion from UNI  
Th.M. in 1995 from Dallas Theological Seminary  
Profession: Missionary in Slovakia with CrossWorld



# UNI fuels Iowa's economy

The mission of most universities and colleges is simple – to educate students. But a university's impact to a community and state goes far beyond the classroom, which is certainly the case at the University of Northern Iowa. With more than 1,800 employees and more than 13,000 students, UNI is an economic engine in the state. University purchases on goods and services such as construction, utilities, vendor contracts, food and supplies contribute to Iowa's economy. Employee and student spending on housing, recreation, food and other goods help to sustain Iowa's industries and retail stores.

And UNI's impact extends beyond financial returns, too. The university provides social and cultural opportunities to help citizens experience the world outside Iowa through public lectures, world-class performing arts, national sporting events and much more. Take a closer look at UNI's impact, by the numbers.

## UNI's impact: By the numbers

### Return on investment

- UNI channels nearly half a billion dollars into the state economy annually, more than five times the state's appropriation. UNI's economic impact supports approximately 7,100 jobs.
- In the past 10 years, UNI has generated more than \$167 million in private gifts, 72 percent of which came from Iowans.



- During the 2008-09 academic year, faculty, staff and students volunteered nearly 300,000 hours to local schools, non-profits and businesses, serving their communities while enhancing educational opportunities.

*Cedar Valley Community Visit Day at the Northeast Iowa Food Bank.*

- Since 2004, UNI has attracted more than \$182 million in federal and state grants, contracts, corporate and foundation support to enhance the lives of Iowans and citizens in the world.
- Eighty-four percent of UNI graduates take their first job in Iowa.
- In its history, UNI has conferred more than 116,000 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.
- More than 75,000 guests attended Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center artist series performances during the 2008-09 season.
- Nearly 500,000 guests visited the UNI-Dome and McLeod Center for athletic and non-athletic events during the 2008-09 season.
- The UNI Museums reach more than 78,000 people through in-house and outreach programs.



## Fun food facts

During the 2008-09 academic year, UNI-Dome and McLeod concessions sold:



21,850  
pretzels



34,000  
hot dogs



7,450  
lbs of popcorn

107,920  
20-oz. drinks



During the 2008-09 academic year, UNI's dining services served:



12,100  
dozen cookies



78,000  
lbs. of deli meat



117,250  
lbs. of vegetables



27,250  
lbs. of cheese



34,410  
dozen eggs



## Can you forgive me?

Forgiveness has been shown to be an effective approach to dealing with deep, personal and unfair hurt.

Take the following quiz from University of Northern Iowa associate professor of human development Suzanne Freedman to test your understanding of forgiveness, and then read the supporting information for each answer to get a better grasp on the steps necessary to forgive your offenders.

"Forgiveness may not be easy, but the benefits of forgiving are well worth the effort," Freedman says.

1. Is reconciliation a necessary part of forgiveness?
2. Is an apology necessary for forgiveness?
3. Is forgetting part of forgiving?
4. Is it possible to forgive without the offender being aware?
5. Do you have to be religious to forgive?
6. Is anger a part of the forgiveness process?
7. Is forgiveness helpful for the person who was hurt as well as for the offender?

**1. No.** One can forgive and choose not to reconcile, as forgiveness is something the injured can do on his or her own and reconciliation requires a change in behavior on the part of the offender. In the case of a battered woman, she can leave her partner and forgive from a safe distance regardless of his behavior and only consider reconciling if her partner changed his abusive behavior and admitted to his wrongdoing. Thus, she would not want to reconcile if she was in danger of being hurt again, although she can forgive.

**2. No.** An apology certainly can make forgiveness easier, but it isn't necessary to receive one to be able to forgive. Making an apology a requirement for forgiveness traps the injured in an unforgiving state until he or she receives something from the injurer. In contrast, an apology might be an important requirement before one chooses to reconcile.

**3. No.** Although almost everyone has heard the popular phrase "forgive and forget," when describing forgiveness it does not make sense to talk about forgetting. It's impossible to forget a deep hurt such as incest, rape, bullying, lying and/or betrayal by a friend, employer or loved one. However, after forgiving one may remember in a different way and thus, not think about the offender as frequently or as intensely.

**4. Yes.** It is not necessary to tell the offender one has forgiven and is at times impossible to do so because the offended is no longer in contact with the offender or the offender has moved away or died. One can show through actions and behaviors that he or she has forgiven and thus, the actual words are not necessary. Some people also mistakenly believe that saying the words, "I forgive you," equate to forgiveness, but forgiveness requires effort, courage, hard work and time. Just saying the words does not automatically lead to a forgiving attitude.

**5. No.** Religious beliefs can certainly motivate one to forgive and help one in his or her struggle to forgive, but they are not necessary. In fact, some individuals who have attended religious services have a negative view of forgiveness because they were told by religious leaders and religion to forgive immediately and no distinction was made between forgiveness and reconciliation. Thus, forgiveness was not recognized as a process that takes time and effort.

**6. Yes.** One cannot forgive without expressing anger in a safe and healthy way. A bit of anger may remain even after one has forgiven, but it isn't as intense as before forgiving or as frequent. A decrease in anger is one of the first steps in the forgiveness process.

**7. Yes.** Forgiveness benefits the one who forgives as well as others. Benefits of forgiveness for the forgiver include decreased anxiety, depression, stress and hostility; increases in self-esteem and hope and improved relationships with others; lower blood pressure, lower levels of self-reported illness and lower risk of alcohol and drug abuse; and a feeling of liberation. While the initial motivation to forgive may be to personally feel better, during the process one begins to take the offender into consideration and may hope that he or she changes his or her hurtful behavior or wish him or her well. Forgiveness is considered a gift to the offender as it involves a moral response of goodwill and generosity toward the offending person.

For more information about forgiveness and how to forgive, Freedman recommends the following books: "Forgiveness is a Choice" (2001) by Robert Enright and "The Art of Forgiving" (1996) by Lewis Smedes. You can contact Freedman at [freedman@uni.edu](mailto:freedman@uni.edu) for more information, questions or help with your forgiveness struggles.



# Steele leads UNI's track and field, cross-country programs



by Laurie Wild

Dan Steele was named head coach of Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country in September 2009 after spending seven seasons as the associate director of track and field at Oregon, where he was voted the 2009 Indoor NCAA Coach of the Year.

"Northern Iowa and I are a great fit," Steele said. "Originally from the Quad Cities, I also know Cedar Falls/Waterloo is the perfect place for raising a family. UNI's proud and impressive tradition of athletic and academic excellence falls in line with my professional standards and expectations. Coaching is teaching; I am a passionate teacher. With my modern vision and leadership, UNI will remain relevant at the NCAA level and be a perennial Missouri Valley Conference championship-caliber team."

Steele, a native of Moline, Ill., earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Eastern Illinois in 1992. As a student-athlete at EIU, Steele captured the 400-hurdles NCAA title as a senior, was a two-time All-American and two-time Drake Relays champion. He was inducted into the EIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001. He also won an Olympic bronze medal as the brakeman on the U.S. four-man bobsled team at the 2002 Olympics.

Steele and his wife, Dusky, have two sons, Xander and Blake.

## Panther volleyball digs up record-setting season

by Kara Moran



The University of Northern Iowa volleyball team earned a place in the record books during its 2009 season, finishing 31-3 overall to notch the school's ninth 30-win season. UNI rattled off the nation's second-longest winning streak, winning 29 straight matches before falling to Nebraska in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Picked to finish third in the league, UNI went through conference play with a perfect 18-0 mark to finish as Missouri Valley Conference Champion. They went on to win the MVC Tournament, earning an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. UNI swept Washington State in the first round of the tournament to advance to the second round, where it fell to host Nebraska.

Sophomore setter Bre Payton was named the MVC Player of the Year, and Amy Braun was named the MVC Freshman of the Year. Bobbi Petersen, in her 10<sup>th</sup> season as coach, earned her second MVC Coach of the Year honor. Junior libero Ellie Blankenship, senior outside hitter Shannon Aschoff and sophomore middle blocker Michelle Burow were each first-team all-conference selections, and Krista DeGeest was an all-freshman team selection. Payton also was a first-team all-region selection, and Payton and Blankenship were each all-America honorable mention selections.

UNI finished the season as the No. 23 team in the nation.



# UNI linebacker finalist for academic Heisman

## *Mahoney epitomizes student-athlete*

by Wes Offerman

Not many people can display the type of balance that Josh Mahoney has shown over his career as a student-athlete at UNI. Mahoney, who graduates in May, posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average while majoring in economics and English, and he was a two-time all-Missouri Valley Football Conference first-team selection at linebacker.

Throw in being a Presidential Scholar in the University Honors Program and presenting several different research projects throughout his time as an undergraduate, and he has an eye-catching résumé.

He was the first Panther football player in history to be named an Academic All-American twice. Mahoney achieved another Panther first when he was named a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, widely regarded as the academic Heisman.

As one of the 16 national finalists for the Campbell Trophy, Mahoney traveled to New York City and brushed elbows with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, Nike co-founder Phil Knight, and college football stars Tim Tebow and Colt McCoy.

At the banquet, sponsored by the National Football Foundation, each student-athlete was recognized with a short video of their team's season. This exposure for the Panther program was something Mahoney relished. "Watching the Panthers in the UNI-Dome on the big screens around the banquet was awesome, awesome stuff."

Mahoney points to a strong and varied support system when it comes to explaining his success at UNI. "I am grateful that the University of Northern Iowa is so committed to giving their student-athletes the opportunities and resources to succeed. I was given an opportunity to play football at UNI coming out of high school, and to be honest I didn't think that much about academics," he explained.

What he found, though, was a group of faculty and football coaches that truly cared about his success and his life after football.

"I hope anybody who graduates from UNI recognizes that Iowa really is a Panther state," Mahoney said. "While I am not from Iowa originally, for the rest of my life I look forward to cheering on the Panthers in all activities, in sports and beyond, because of how much the university had a positive effect on my life when I went to school there. It truly is a special place."

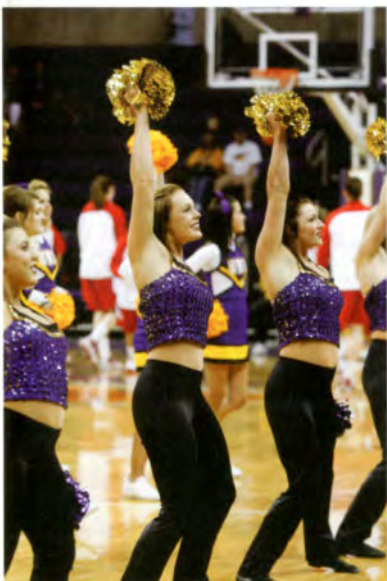


## UNI dance team brings home national title

The University of Northern Iowa dance team received first place in the pom division at the 2010 Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Championships in Orlando, Fla., the first time in school history that the UNI dance team has claimed a national title. The team also received eighth place in the jazz division.

The dance team is self-coached and advised by UNI graduate student Jessica Fuller. Dance team captains, seniors Amanda Miller, Lindsey Bishop and Holli Rutherford and junior Emily Hauser, choreographed the routine.

More information, including results, photos and video footage of the competition, can be found at [www.varsity.com](http://www.varsity.com).





# Panther

# Pride



What's left to say about the men's basketball team's win over No.1 Kansas and its first trip to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen? It was sweet for the team, campus and fans, old and new, all over the country.



The UNI women's basketball team were pumped for their first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. Fans and friends enjoyed the festivities in Minneapolis.



Unseeded Jarion Beets claimed eighth place at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, held in Omaha in March. This is the University of Northern Iowa's 114th wrestling medal and ranks the Panthers 10th all-time in NCAA Division I history.







**Take TC on your summer vacation**

**Submit your location photos to [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org)  
with the "Travels with TC" button.**





*Area students acting in IPTV documentary, "Iowa's One-Room Schoolhouses," celebrate at the end of filming. UNI Museums' staff assisted in organizing footage shot in Cedar Falls. Photo by Scott Faine, courtesy of IPTV.*

## UNI Museums part of regional Emmy Award-winning documentary

*IPTV's "Iowa's One-Room Schoolhouses" receives award for historical documentary*

The University of Northern Iowa Museums Director Sue Grosboll was instrumental to the producers of "Iowa's One-Room Schoolhouses," which won a Regional Emmy Award for Historical Documentary from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences – Upper Midwest Chapter.

Iowa Public Television's "Iowa's One-Room Schoolhouses" provides an emotional and informative tour of these structures that once dotted Iowa's landscape, and how those schoolhouses reflected the communities they served. The documentary focused on the history of Iowa's one-room schoolhouses as seen through the changes they made in their communities and through personal stories of those who taught and attended the schools.

Grosboll was interviewed and featured in the film. In addition, she organized and coordinated the reenactment scenes filmed at Bennington #4 Schoolhouse, located northwest of Waterloo. Local volunteers played the roles of teachers and students in the 1920s. The UNI Museums have a long history with one-room schools, including the care of the Marshall Center School, a one-room schoolhouse moved to the UNI campus in 1987 to commemorate the campus' beginning as a teachers college and to honor all the teachers who graduated from the campus. Today, the school serves as an historic site with educational programs for campus and the general public.

The UNI Museums also are home to the Center for the History of Rural Iowa Education and Culture, a body of documents from 12,000 country schools that once dotted the state. Donated by the Iowa Area Education Agencies, these records include teacher, county superintendent, and local township school board records. These old ledgers, some dating well back into the 1850s, will soon be available to faculty, student researchers and public genealogists to study in depth the history that led to Iowa having the highest literacy rate in the nation for many decades.

More information about one-room schools, including a list of one-room school museums throughout Iowa, is available at the UNI Museums Web site [www.uni.edu/museum](http://www.uni.edu/museum).



## Inaugural Diversity Matters Award recipients announced at annual town hall

Diversity, in all its forms, is valued at UNI.

"Appreciation of diversity is an essential component of an excellent education," said UNI President Benjamin Allen in a statement to campus at the start of the fall 2009 semester. "Because our graduates carry into society the knowledge and values they learn or refine while with us, it is essential that we make continuous and substantive progress on our institutional priority to value, promote and teach about diversity."

UNI's Diversity Council has been busy building the foundation of the university's sustainable commitment to diversity.

In support of that commitment, these individuals were honored for their efforts to enhance diversity during the second annual town hall meeting on diversity:

- Gloria Adams, a graduate student majoring in school counseling
- Angel Banks, a senior public administration major
- Roland Carrillo, former director of financial aid
- Rita Carrillo, dining services administration
- Chris Edginton, director of UNI's School of Health, Physical Education & Leisure Services (HPELS)
- Janet McClain, director of the Multicultural Initiatives in Teaching (MIT) Program
- Reg Pecen, associate professor of industrial technology
- Martha Reineke, professor of religion
- John Somervill, professor of psychology
- Juanita Wright, assistant director of financial aid and scholarships



2010 Diversity Matters Award recipients with Provost Gloria Gibson (L) and President Benjamin Allen (R): Roland Carrillo, Rita Carrillo, Angel Banks, Reg Pecen, Chris Edginton, Janet McClain, Gloria Adams and Juanita Wright. Not pictured: Martha Reineke and John Somervill.

The award will be presented annually to selected individuals or groups in recognition of their dedication and service to the university's advancement of diversity-related goals.

## UNI hosts first-ever international physical education forum in the U.S.

Recognizing that childhood obesity is no longer just a problem in the U.S, the University of Northern Iowa organized the first-ever in the U.S. international health and physical education global forum.

According to Ming-Kai Chin, UNI professor of physical education, research studies from the International Obesity Task Force have shown an estimated 155 million school-age children and adolescents world-wide show symptoms of obesity and being overweight. Among those, 30 to 45 million children and adolescents ages 5-17 are obese.

More than 70 educators, health professionals, administrators and policy makers from 30 countries, representing 64 universities, institutions, organizations and schools will attend the Global Forum for Physical Education 2010 (GoFPEP 2010) on May 13 and 14. The forum, "Revitalizing Health and Physical Education through Technology," will focus on reform in health and physical education programs for K-12 students.

The majority of the forum will be held in Grundy Center, Iowa, home of UNI's Polar Electro Masters program, and will include field trips to Cedar Falls and Waterloo.

Forum sponsors included HotSports Training System, Polar Electro and Environmental Lubricants Manufacturing Inc. The forum was endorsed by 14 local and international professional physical education, physical activity, exercise science and health organizations.







*Top: UNI students use the hydrology lab to learn how subsurface water contaminants are transported.*

*Bottom: UNI Earth Science students test the chemical quality of water in Dry Run Creek that flows through the UNI campus.*

## Grants fund development of hydrology program

### *New lab supports student research*

For people in Iowa and throughout the world, no resource is more vital than clean water. University of Northern Iowa students can now assess water quality thanks to new facilities funded by grants from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust and the National Science Foundation.

The project began with a \$157,887 grant from the Carver Trust awarded to Mohammad Z. Iqbal, professor of geology and environmental science. It allowed him to turn a small classroom in Latham Hall into a hydrology laboratory used by undergraduate and graduate students in earth science and environmental science courses. This new facility helped Iqbal obtain a National Science Foundation grant to create hydrologic environment activities for students in the field and the laboratory.

His students learn to use the laboratory's state-of-the-art equipment to analyze water quality. They put their new skills to use in conducting field research to discover where water has been contaminated with high

concentrations of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other nutrients. Most student research projects have been done on the Cedar River and at other sites in northeast Iowa, but one graduate student from Nepal analyzed water samples from his home country.

The hydrology laboratory is giving students preparation for careers as professional geologists, environmental scientists, teachers, hydrogeologists, geochemists, astronomers, natural history interpreters and meteorologists.

## *National Ag-Based Lubricants Center becomes first TechWorks tenant*

The University of Northern Iowa's National Ag-Based Lubricants Center (NABL) has moved to a custom-designed 25,000-square-foot facility in the Cedar Valley TechWorks Technology Center located in downtown Waterloo. This long-anticipated move means that laboratory space for NABL's \$5 million of instrumentation and equipment will double in size.



"The increased lab space and the facility improvements will allow us to expand our research and testing capabilities," said Lou Honary, director and founder of NABL. "We were in a nice space

before, but this is a great upgrade."

UNI's NABL was chosen as an anchor tenant during the concept stages of TechWorks because of its history of success in the research and development of biobased products, and the ever-expanding portfolio of technologies being pursued by NABL researchers.

NABL is a non-profit, university-based research and testing facility dedicated to the advancement of biobased lubricants. Its research focus has moved from industrial to automotive-related lubricants, starting with engine oils. The research team expects to continue creating new biobased products, which will help create opportunities for U.S.-grown crops. Learn more at [www.uni.edu/nabl](http://www.uni.edu/nabl).



## Iowa Math &amp; Science Education Partnership (IMSEP)

## One year later

The Iowa Math & Science Education Partnership (IMSEP), formed in 2008, is a collaborative effort of Iowa State University, University of Iowa and led by the University of Northern Iowa. IMSEP aims to recruit and retain more math and science educators, enhance student performance in math and science, and promote statewide collaboration and cooperation among public and private organizations. IMSEP has coordinated more than 40 programs in 240 communities and 88 Iowa counties.

Premier programs include:

**I-Teach Mathematics & Science**

piloted at UNI includes three components:

- 1) a semester-long seminar called Exploring Mathematics and Science Teaching;

- 2) internships in local youth-based agencies; 3) and scholarships for talented recruits. I-Teach has expanded and is offered at ISU, North Iowa Area Community College and Hawkeye Community College.

**Project Lead the Way (PLTW)** is a pre-engineering curriculum taught in middle and high schools to increase the interest and achievements of students in STEM careers. The engineering colleges at UI and ISU train teachers for PLTW, and UNI is developing a plan for the integration of training into the pre-service teacher pathway for technology educators.

**Real World Externships for Teachers of Mathematics & Science** is a professional development program for secondary teachers and business and industry leaders, allowing teachers to take real world applications back to the classroom.

**Corridor STEM Initiative**, a collaboration of various agencies, businesses and organizations in the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area including the Grant Wood Area Education Agency and area schools, Rockwell Collins, The Science Station, Kirkwood Community College and the Workplace Learning Connection to help schools develop after-school programs.

**Mathematics and Science Education Institute**

coordinates the administration of each of these programs. The Institutes' other functions include status reports, studies, networking across stakeholder groups, strategic planning for the state, the pursuit of external funds, summits and meetings, public education and outreach.

**IMSEP by the numbers**

- In the last year, the number of undergraduates majoring in STEM fields increased by 6.5 percent and there has been a 10-percent increase in under-represented minorities.
- As of fall 2009, approximately 177 more mathematics and science majors are majoring in teaching at ISU and UNI.
- 441 Iowa high school students earned Regents university credit for PLTW.
- 19 schools and 1,575 students partnered with businesses through IMSEP public-private partnership support.
- IMSEP leveraged nearly \$1.2 million in funds from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and other funding sources.
- More than 2,000 students, 500 pre-service teachers and 400 math and science teachers participated in outreach programming through IMSEP funded faculty projects.



*Above: Middle school girls from around the state were introduced to engineering and science careers at the IMSEP-sponsored "GO GIRLS" event hosted by the University of Iowa's Engineering Arts and Sciences College. Left: A Real World Extern sizes up a project at Hagie Manufacturing.*



# UNI begins reorganization

In January 2010, University of Northern Iowa President Ben Allen announced the first round of a series of realignments of administrative and academic units at the university to help UNI more effectively meet the needs of students and respond to the realities of the state budget.

Pending Board of Regents, State of Iowa, approval, Allen intends to reduce



Joel Haack

the number of the university's administrative divisions from four to three. Effective July 1, 2010, UNI's Marketing & Advancement Division will be dissolved, eliminating one university vice president position.

On the academic side, Executive Vice President and Provost Gloria

Gibson has recommended combining UNI's Colleges of

Humanities & Fine Arts (CHFA) and Natural Sciences (CNS). This move would mark the first time colleges have been combined at UNI.

"Combining these colleges will strengthen the academic offerings of the combined college and will help reduce administrative expenses," Gibson said. "CHFA currently doesn't have a dean. Given that fact, and that these two colleges provide the vast majority of our liberal arts core courses, the time is right to bring these colleges together with the goal of developing new, integrated programs that will serve the needs of our students and the state."

Consolidation of the two colleges is to be complete by June 30, 2011. Joel Haack, current CNS dean, will be the inaugural dean of the new college and is serving as CHFA dean until the new college is up and running.

Students enrolled in programs in the two existing colleges will be able to continue course work toward their degrees.

Along with the college consolidation, Gibson intends to combine the Department of English Language and Literature and the Department of Modern Languages.

## Points of Distinction:

What sets the University of Northern Iowa apart from its peers?

### College of Business Administration

CBA is accredited by AACSB International, a distinction earned by fewer than 5 percent of business schools worldwide.

### College of Education

UNI's counseling programs have a 100-percent pass rate on the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination used in 265 colleges and universities (81 percent scored above the national mean).

### College of Humanities and Fine Arts

UNI School of Music is the leader in music education graduates teaching in Iowa.

### College of Natural Sciences

CNS offers five professional science master's degrees for students interested in nonacademic careers in applied physics, industrial mathematics (quality control or modeling), ecosystem management, biotechnology and applied chemistry and biochemistry. No other college or university in Iowa offers this degree.

### College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

CSBS offers unique four-year undergraduate majors not offered anywhere else in the state, including criminology, gerontology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and public administration. Additionally, the M.A. in women's and gender studies and the M.A. in criminology are unique to UNI.



## Alumni share an inspirational conversation

by Sue Schuerman

Students at the University of Northern Iowa will reap the benefits of a conversation held more than a decade ago.

Florence Nelson '47 remembers a Christmas in the late 90s, when she and two friends were seated around her dining room table. Nelson had just made an estate gift to UNI and was excited to share the news with her companions. She told Orville "Bill" and Margaret "Jane" Sayers, "I believe in young people, and I get a great deal of joy knowing that the bequest in my will and proceeds from the charitable annuity will help the youth of tomorrow. You might want to consider leaving something in your estate to UNI."

In December 2009, the UNI Foundation was notified that Orville and Margaret Sayers left an estate gift of \$400,000. Their gift will support an endowed scholarship in their name for students from Belle Plaine Community High School and Benton Community High School to attend UNI.

"I'm surprised and delighted," said Nelson when she found out about her friends' gift. "As many times as we talked about UNI, they didn't mention a gift, but I know how much they valued education."

Bill Sayers, who died in 1999, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1937 from Iowa State Teachers College (ISTC). He was a retired science teacher and coach. Jane Sayers, who died in 2008, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1937 from ISTC and a master's degree from the University of Colorado. She taught high school in several Iowa towns.



*Alumna Florence Nelson encouraged her best friends to remember UNI students in their will.*

## Biology major credits success to generosity of UNI donor

by Sue Schuerman

Thanks to Pauline Barrett's \$1.5 million gift to the University of Northern Iowa Foundation to fund scholarships for youth from the Cedar Valley, sophomore Danny Lewis is on his way to realizing his dream of becoming a pediatrician.

In a thank-you letter to Barrett, he wrote, "I have done very well in my first year at UNI. Much of this success is credited to you. Thank you for your financial and moral support. Because of your gracious gift, I am able to focus on prospering and thriving in the academic world instead of being stressed about monetary issues. I am on the Dean's List and am in the Honors Program, which allows only 120 students per year. I am one of two minorities inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national honors program. And, I have been nominated for and pre-accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Once again, much of this success is credited to you. Keep me in your thoughts and prayers, and I will keep my nose to the books."

Receiving the Pauline R. Barrett Endowed Scholarship has confirmed his determination to live out his dream. Lewis, 19, is the first in his family to attend a university, and he plans to become a pediatrician. He and his wife Lela have two children, Kyra, age 2, and Aaliyah, 10 months.





# Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center receives \$500,000 birthday gift

by Sue Schuerman



*Ed and Cathy Gallagher stand in the lobby of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center*

In honor of the 10th birthday of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center at the University of Northern Iowa, two of its namesakes—Ed and Cathy Gallagher—celebrated with a \$500,000 gift.

The gift will be used to establish the Edward and Catherine Cassidy Gallagher Endowment for the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. The endowment supports artistic programming, equipment needs and other projects.

The Gallaghers contributed \$1 million to help build the center, which was named in their honor and in honor of the late Carl Bluedorn and his wife, Peggy.

Ed Gallagher said, “We saw the need in the Cedar Valley for a venue worthy of our talented musicians and promising students. We envisioned a place for UNI student recitals, faculty offices, a home for the symphony and a stage for celebrated performers. That is why we decided to help build the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center 10 years ago.

“One of our greatest thrills was to see the distinguished conductor Joseph Giunta lead the opening performance at Gallagher-Bluedorn. To hear him say the acoustics rivaled the best performance halls in the country—that was exciting.

“The impact on the community has exceeded our vision. We’re excited about the Kaleidoscope program that gets kids interested in music and culture. And we’re pleased to see that the Gallagher-Bluedorn has nurtured a growing interest in culture across the state. It has created a cultural niche for the Cedar Valley by hosting outstanding shows and Broadway performances. It has also been a deciding factor in attracting new businesses to the area. We couldn’t be happier to celebrate 10 years of success.”

The Gallagher’s gift is part of UNI’s \$150 million “Imagine the Impact” campaign. The campaign focuses on scholarships, faculty and program support. For more information, visit [www.uni-foundation.org](http://www.uni-foundation.org).





# \$1.4 million gift allows UNI students to “TAPP” into design potential

The University of Northern Iowa Foundation received a \$1.4 million gift for the benefit of UNI's textile and apparel (TAPP) program from Lectra as part of its Education Partner Program. The gift includes software and upgrades, as needed, that enable student designers to create textile weave, knit and print patterns and apply the patterns to apparel designs and other creative possibilities.

Lectra is a world leader in its market in software CAD CAM equipment and related services dedicated to large-scale users of textiles, leather and industrial fabrics, according to Annette Lynch, UNI professor of textiles and apparel. UNI's textiles and apparel program has had a continuing relationship with Lectra since the company's \$2.3 million donation of software in 1999, which was, at the time, the largest corporate donation ever given to UNI through the UNI Foundation.

“The UNI TAPP program is, literally, on the cutting edge with this software, adopting it at the same time as leading companies, such as Target. This selective donation makes us competitive with other larger textile and apparel programs throughout the country,” Lynch said. “This high level of technical and creative skill has resulted in strong placements for TAPP graduates.”

Jon Weiland, a TAPP senior who interned at Target in Minneapolis last summer, has a job offer at Target when he graduates in May. He credits the UNI TAPP program's commitment to maintaining industry forward software for his ability to compete with other design students from across the country for this plum placement at Target.

In addition to Target in Minneapolis, UNI TAPP program graduates work in product development and design at top companies including Under Armour, Lands' End, Cabela's, Ralph Lauren Polo, J Crew, Kohl's, Gymboree, Maurice's and Christopher and Banks, among others.



*UNI senior Jon Weiland shows professor Mitchell Strauss and instructor Sharon Mord one of his design projects using Lectra software.*



## UNI encourages BIG dreams

More than 150 University of Northern Iowa students, faculty and staff and Cedar Valley community members dared to dream big on Feb. 16 during the Big Dream Gathering at UNI. Alumnus Mitch Matthews '93 started Big Dream Gatherings in 2006 to help people realize their dreams by making them public and finding connections to resources.

Gathering attendees write down their dreams and post the dream sheets to the walls. As attendees wander around the room reading dreams, they can make notes on others' dream sheets, offering assistance, advice or resources. Matthews facilitated the event and also shared his own story and the stories of other big dreamers he's met since he began hosting Big Dream Gatherings.

The event was sponsored by the UNI Alumni Association, Northern Iowa Student Government, CATS, Career Services, the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center and the R.J. McElroy Trust.

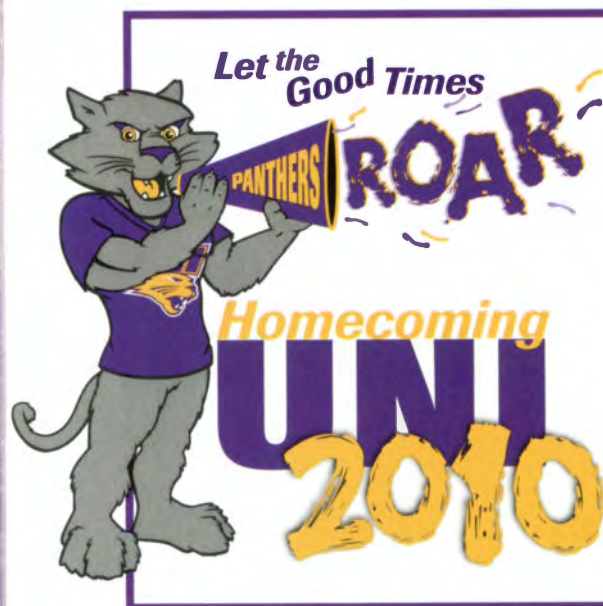
For more information about Big Dream Gatherings, visit [www.bigdreamgathering.com](http://www.bigdreamgathering.com).



*UNI students wrote out their dreams and allowed others to write words of encouragement and advice.*



*Mitch Matthews*



## Save the Date Oct. 23

[www.uni.edu/homecoming](http://www.uni.edu/homecoming)

Activities throughout the week and into the weekend!

2010 Heritage Honours Awards

Alumni Golf Outing

Panther Festival

Panther volleyball and football

**Much, much more!**





## UNI Day at the Races

**Saturday, July 31, 2010**

Experience NASCAR on Saturday, July 31, with the University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association at the Iowa Speedway, one of America's premier motor sport facilities.

The UNI Alumni Association will host a hospitality tent featuring all-you-can-eat-and-drink for two hours. The package also includes a grandstand ticket, fan walk access to all events, closed-circuit television race coverage and an exclusive Iowa Speedway/UNI T-shirt.

**UNI Alumni Association Members:** \$110 per person

**Non-members:** \$130 per person

**Tailgate Only:** \$60 per person

You must register before July 1 and space is limited to the first 250 UNI race fans. Visit [www.unialum.org/nascar](http://www.unialum.org/nascar) or call 888-UNI ALUM to register!

*Not a member of the UNI Alumni Association? Join today and receive the member registration rate. An opportunity to join is included on the online registration form. To see all the benefits of membership, visit [www.unialum.org/membership](http://www.unialum.org/membership).*



America's Place To Race™





**'49 Elinor (Engelhorn) Meyer, BA** retired after 40 years of teaching piano and voice, and directing her church choir. She lives in Lakehills TX.

**'55 Betty (Roberts) Crist, 2 yr** retired after nearly 29 years as a manager of liability and property insurance claims for the state of Colorado. She also worked 5 years for the state senate as an assistant to the minority party leader. She lives in Wheat Ridge CO.

**'58 Gerald Thompson, BA, MA '64** is the owner and operator of an Oriental rug business. He lives in Shepardstown WV.

**'60 Jerry Purcell, BA, MAE '67**, was a

counselor in the Cedar Falls Schools from 1967 until his retirement in 1998. He lives in Cedar Falls.

**'62 Rochelle Toner, BA** was bestowed Printmaker Emeritus status at the Southern Graphics Conference in March 2010. She lives in Philadelphia PA.

**'63 Dennis Hughes, BA** is retiring from his work as a systems analyst for the Minnesota Child Support Enforcement Division. He lives in Minneapolis MN.

**'65 Richard Fish, BA** retired in 2005. He has recently published his third book under his pen name Gregory Pike. He lives in Hazelwood MO.

**Judith (Larson) Lang, BA** retired from full time teaching in 2004, and continues to be active in the Women of ELCA. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and helping her husband, Carroll, with re-entry ministry. She lives in Fort Dodge.

**David Suntken, BA, MA '72** was inducted into the Iowa Official's Hall of Fame in May 2009 during the Iowa boys and girls state track meet. He has been an official starter at the Iowa state track meet for 13 years. He recently retired from teaching and lives with his wife, **Polly (Darland) Suntken BA '67**, in Clear Lake.



*A group of 1946 and 1948 alumnae and their spouses visited the Marshall Center School during a visit to UNI in summer 2009. Back row, from left: Vernon Schlapkohl, Roy Stuart, Bob Rose and Howard Bock. Front row, from left: Lois Schlapkohl, Patricia Rose and Doris Bock.*

## UNI memories spur 60-plus years of annual gatherings

Six decades of memories connect a group of women who graduated in the late 1940s from what is now the University of Northern Iowa. They have met annually for more than 60 years. Between visits, the women maintain their connection through a round robin system of letters.

The group was made up of six ladies and their spouses: Martha (Champion) Stuart '46, who died in 2008, and Roy; June (Pohlmann) Olson '48 and Grant; Doris (Littell) Bock '48 and Howard; Pat (Peters) Rose '46 and Bob; Lois (Paulsen) Schlapkohl '46 and Vernon; Muriel (Dawson) Johnson '46 and Bob.



**'67 Jean (Gifford) Doran, BA** enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She lives in Ogden.

**'69 Vicki (Deyoung) Perry, BA, MA '74** retired after 32 years of teaching. She lives in Spirit Lake with her husband, **Denny Perry BA '72, MA '96** who has also retired.

**'71 David Fox, BA** has been promoted to Brigadier General in the District of Columbia Defense Force. He is also the executive director of the National Low Income Energy Consortium.

**Robert Krogh, BA, MA '72** retired from his work at John Deere in September 2009. He also retired from his position as an adjunct accounting instructor at UNI after 25 years. He lives in Waterloo.

**Doxandra Weber, BA** has retired from teaching second grade. She lives in Nevada.

**'72 William Forsee, BA** was the presidential elector for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District. He teaches at Burke High School in Omaha.

**Denny Perry, BA, MA '96** retired after 33 years of teaching. He lives in Spirit Lake.

**'73 Barbara Chaney, BA** retired in June 2009 after 21 years as a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She returned to part time teaching at UW-La Crosse in fall 2009.

**'74 Nancy (Frahm) Kelting, BA** retired from John Deere after 33

## Share your news

Do you have a new addition to your family? Did you get a promotion or new job? Update your alumni profile at [www.unialum.org](http://www.unialum.org). And don't forget to submit a class note for the University of Northern Iowa Today while you're at it!

years of service. She lives in Waterloo.

**David Van Sickel, BA** has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2010 in Finance Law. He is a senior shareholder of the Davis Brown Law Firm's Business Division. He lives in West Des Moines.

**'76 Susan (Meyers) Ward, BA** retired from her work as a safety engineer at John Deere Waterloo Works.

**'77 Gloria (Hoffmeier) Casey, BA** is a third grade teacher at Manson Northwest Webster. She lives in Manson.

**Richard (Dick) Rue, BA,** senior vice president & CFO of ITA Group, Inc., has been appointed state chairman of the Iowa Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

**'79 James Fritz, BA, MA '85 & Elizabeth (Gall) Fritz, BM '83,** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at Homecoming; their first date was Campaniling. They live in Decorah.

**Pamela Hunter, BA** is an office manager at Scheel's All Sports in Coralville.

**Phyllis (Bushong) Rodgers, BA** is in her 34th year of teaching math at GMG Secondary School. She lives in Garwin.

**'82 Vicki (Dass) Spellerberg, BA** teaches business education

at Maquoketa Valley High School. She was named the 2009 Outstanding Iowa Secondary Business Educator and the 2009 Iowa Career and Technical Educator of the Year.

**'87 Terry Buenzow, BA** has spent the past 10 years managing the Winneshiek County Recycling Program, which involves managing the recycling center in Decorah and providing waste reduction and recycling education in Clayton, Howard and Winneshiek counties.

**Paul Rothamel, BA** is the executive vice president and chief operating officer of EZCORP, Inc. in Austin TX. He lives in Omaha NE.

**'88 Scott Eltjes, BA** has joined Bankers Trust in Des Moines as senior vice president, Investment Management and Business Development. Eltjes also serves on the Executive Committee for Bankers Trust. He was named CEO and president for BTC Capital, a Registered Investment Advisor and subsidiary of Bankers Trust. He lives in Norwalk.

**Gretchen (Brueckner) Starr, BS** is a quality manager at Perrigo Inc. in Holland MI.

**Tye Starr, BT** is a senior quality scientist at Access Business Group in Ada MI.

**'89 Heather Harmon, BA, BA '92** is the



## Olson named to Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee



Michael Olson '95, market president of US Bank in Pella, Iowa, has been appointed to a four-year term of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The CCAC was established in 2003 to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on the themes and designs of all U.S. coins and medals.

Olson is the first Iowan and the first banker to be appointed to this committee. He is active with the Iowa Bankers Association and the American Bankers Association (ABA). He is the acting chair of the ABA's Presidential Dollar Coin Working Group. He also serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard.

For details about the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee, visit [www.ccac.gov](http://www.ccac.gov).

librarian and after-school programs coordinator at Kimball Public School in Kimball SD.

**Tim Harmon, BA, EdS '92** completed his M. Div. from United Theological Seminary and is a pastor at First Presbyterian and First Lutheran Parish in Lake Andes SD.

### Did you know?

UNI Alumni Association membership dues provide leadership opportunities for students, including support for Connecting Alumni to Students (CATS). Learn more at [www.unialum.org/cats](http://www.unialum.org/cats).

**'90 Robin Risbeck, BA, MA '97** has been an adjunct instructor for Upper Iowa University, Grandview University and Vatterott College. She has 14 years of middle-school teaching experience. She was recently promoted to the director of education for Vatterott College, Des Moines Campus.

**'91 Colleen Brower, BA** is the director of consulting & analytics at

United Healthcare for the state of Texas. She lives in Apple Valley MN.

**'93 Jaci (Ryken) Mrosko, BA & Michael Mrosko, BA '92,** live in Chanhassen MN with their children, Rachel & Jacob.

**Angela (Swenson) Schnurstein, BA** teaches seventh-grade math at Hiatt Middle School in Des Moines.

**Mark Schnurstein, BA** teaches sixth- through eighth-grade advanced science at Harding Middle School in Des Moines.

**'94 James 'JC' Sanford, BA** was the conductor of John Hollenbeck's "Eternal Interlude" which was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Large Jazz Ensemble category. He lives in Brooklyn NY.

**Sonia (Cuvelier) Walsh, BA** is in her second season co-hosting the television show "Metro Woman" which airs on ABC 5 in Des Moines. She lives in Carroll.

**'95 Denise (Johnson) Bahr, BA** was promoted to customer service manager at Dee Zee

Manufacturing, Inc. She lives in Ankeny.

**'97 Jordan Bartels, BA** has recently earned the American Hotel & Lodging Association professional certification as a certified front desk manager. He was recently promoted to director of guest services at the new Holiday Inn in the Walt Disney World Resort. He lives in Davenport FL.

**'99 Gabe McDonald, BA** is a math teacher at Muscatine High School.

**Mark Milder, BA** runs a law firm in Waverly where he practices primarily in the areas of criminal defense, family law and juvenile court.

**'00 Stephanie (Roehlk) Emmons, BA** is marketing manager for CMI in Chicago IL.

### Did you know?

UNI alumni can receive career direction from CareerBeam, and Alumni Association members can access the UNI job board, CareerCat, through UNI Career Services.



**'01** **Rollie Fors, BA** is employed by Grubb & Ellis | The Winbury Group and has recently made partner. He lives in Prairie Village KS.

**Natalie Maxwell-McDonald, BA** is a marketing communication specialist with The HON Company. She lives in Muscatine.

### Did you know?

UNI's student alumni association—Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow—is one of the nation's largest, with more than 2,900 members in 2009-10. Learn more at [www.unialum.org/stat](http://www.unialum.org/stat).

**'02** **Cherri (Jiras) Block, BA** teaches high school English and speech and is a cheerleading coach. She and spouse, **Brad Block, BA '93** have 2 children, Logan, 10, and Darian, 7. They live in Custer SD.

**'04** **Alicia (Lensch) Garrity, BA** is a PCR lab specialist at Pioneer

Hi-Bred International in Urbandale.

**Laura (Waechter) Lovseth, BA, MA '08** is an adjunct professor of mathematics at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

**'05** **Brock Holman, BA, MA '09** received the 2009 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Volunteer of the Year Award for his 12 years of service to youth leadership development. He was selected from a field of nearly 4,000 volunteers across the nation. He lives in Milford.

**Meesha Weber, BA** is a case manager for Easter Seals of Iowa in Des Moines.

**'07** **Matt Bernard, BA** is employed by Corvus Systems as the regional director of the Omaha NE office.

**Micah James, BA** is assistant store manager at Wells Fargo in Des Moines. He is working towards his MBA at Drake University.

**Daniel Phillips, BA** is in his second year of a successful photography business. He lives in Cedar Falls.

**Jenna (Uthoff) Rokes, BA** is married to **Matthew Rokes, BA '08**. She teaches first grade in the Pleasant Valley Schools and has a puppy, Peyton.

### Deaths

**Harold E Harryman, 2-yr '31, BA '36**, Douds, died 1/16/2010.

**Almina Kathleen Fuller Simonsen, BA '41**, Houston, TX, died 11/7/2009.

**Lorna Wirkler Mowat BA '43**, Plano TX, died 1/11/2009.

**Mary Jane Arnold Huntington BA '55**, Clear Lake, died 1/3/2010.

**Loretta Middleton Smith BA '57**, Encinitas CA, died 3/6/2009.

**Robert Conway BA '60**, Denver, died 9/12/2009.

**Donald Lancaster BA '60**, Des Moines, died 10/2/2009.

**Patricia Loving BA '61**, White Bear Lake MN, died 4/9/2009.



## TC is a member for LIFE!

Join more than 2,000 True Panther ambassadors by upgrading to a UNI Alumni Association life membership!

Lifetime Individual: \$500\*

Lifetime Joint, Paid-in-full: \$700\* with benefits for a couple residing at the same address.

Lifetime Individual, Installments: \$550 with annual \$110 installments over five years.

Lifetime Joint, Installments: \$750 with annual \$150 installments over five years.

**Become a life member today!**

Visit <http://www.unialum.org/membership/lifemember.shtml> or call 319-273-2355.

*\* Join now and receive a custom UNI blanket from the Alumni Association!*

**UNI**  
Alumni  
Association



## Marriages

**Margo Kulseth Klein BA '93** married Tom Klein.

**Mary Feilmeyer Roberson BA '93** married John Roberson.

**Dianna Fitzl Groskreutz BA '99** married Lon Groskreutz.

**Mandy Baudler Cooper BA '00** married Ken Cooper.

**Ben Pruess BA '03** married Jessica Alstad Pruess.

**Kristen Kuecker Nations BA '06** married Tyler Nations BA '06.

**Allison Nordgren Maahs BA '07** married Matthew Maahs BA '08.

**Katie Marcouiller Schuldt BA '07** married Eric Schuldt BA '08.

## Births

**Kimberly Jasper Hauge BA '86** & Garry Hauge, Minneapolis MN, son Sean Gene born 8/14/2009.

**Erin McCumsey & Lane McCumsey BA '89**, Brainerd MN, daughter Cadey Layne born 12/6/2009.

**Deanna Koch & Lance Koch BA '93**, Des Moines,

daughter Hannah born 12/25/2008.

**April Hageman Crowder BA '96** & Karl Crowder, Bettendorf, daughter Alivia born 8/22/2008.

**Gayle Johnson Kingery BA '98** & Alex Kingery, Newton, daughter Alivia born 8/14/2009.

**Teresa Nolt Hein BA '99** & Dave Hein, West Des Moines, son Braydon Russell born 5/18/2008 and son Jarrett Benjamin born 7/11/2009.

**Melissa Green Ingram BA '99** & Jeremy Ingram, Ankeny, son Wyatt born 9/16/2009.

**Michelle Kauffman Smith BA '00** & Josh Smith, Cedar Rapids, son Brogan born 3/24/2009.

**Natalie Maxwell-McDonald BA '01** & Gabe McDonald BA '99, Muscatine, son Corwin born 12/26/2007.

**Maren Jones Mooney BA '01** & Joseph Mooney BA '02, Windsor Heights, son Wesley born 6/16/2009.

**Shana Wach Rieber BA '01** & J.D. Rieber BA '01, Atlanta GA, son Trace born 11/7/2009.

**Molly Frohwein Brown BA**

## Did you know?

The UNI Alumni Association hosts reunions and on-campus programs through membership support.

**'02 & Nathaniel Brown BA '01**, Denver, daughter Hallie born 10/19/2009.

**Beverly Lester Jenkinson BA '02** & Tom Jenkinson, Oskaloosa, daughter Lily Anne born 2/25/2009.

Jessica Pruess & **Ben Pruess BA '02**, Mundelein IL, son Riley Lucas born 5/2/2009.

**Brooke LaCoste Sudol BA '03** & Brad Sudol BA '00, Algona, son Brody Thomas born 11/16/2009.

**Laura Waechter Lovseth BA '04**, MA '08 & Jonathan Lovseth, Cedar Rapids, son Wesley born 3/15/2008.

Jennifer Curry-Meyer & **Patrick Meyer BA '04**, Des Moines, daughter Bailey born 12/16/09.

**Wendy Walker Scardino BA '04** & Bradley Scardino BA '03, Dubuque, son Blake born 7/28/2009.

**Trista Meier Manternach BA '00**, MA '05 & Matt Manternach BA '05, Dubuque, son Caleb born 2/18/09.

## Cyber Cats

### Network online with the UNI Alumni Association

The University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association has an official LinkedIn account—a great way to make professional contacts for business and professional purposes. A recent LinkedIn search shows more than 13,000 alumni using the professional networking service and a growing list of groups as well. You can create your account and request to join the University of Northern Iowa Network by visiting [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).

And don't forget to check out Facebook!

More than 230 Facebook groups feature UNI, ranging from the UNI Gaming League to the UNI Flute Studio to the UNI Alumni Association. Thousands of alumni, students and friends are on Facebook. If you haven't already joined in, create a profile at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search "University of Northern Iowa" and become a fan of UNI and the UNI Alumni Association official sites!



# Upcoming Events

## June

4-17 Mediterranean Inspiration Cruise

## July

2 Chicago Cubs game & social Chicago

16 College Hill Arts Festival Alumni Social UNI

31 Nationwide NASCAR Iowa Speedway Alumni Tent Newton

## August

TBD Winegate (PSC in Des Moines) Des Moines

## September

11 Breakfast with TC UNI

11 1960 Football Team Reunion UNI

17 Scholarship Luncheon UNI

18 UNI Athletic Hall of Fame Induction UNI

21-Oct 4 Aegean Adventures Cruise

## October

TBA Community Visit Day

1 Octoberfest – College Hill Partnership The Hill

2 Family Weekend UNI

22 Imagine the Impact Campaign Kick Off UNI

22 Homecoming 2010

Alumni Board of Directors Meeting

Homecoming Golf Outing Pheasant Ridge

Volleyball vs. Drake McLeod Center

Pep Rally

23 Homecoming 2010 UNI

Heritage Honours Awards Breakfast Commons

Panther Festival W 23rd & College Green

Football vs. Illinois State UNI-Dome

Volleyball vs. Creighton McLeod Center

\*Maximize your CareerBeam utilization via our hands-on tutorial. Sessions are offered twice a month: at 7p.m. (Central) the first Wednesday and at noon (Central) the third Tuesday. Call: 1-218-862-1300. The Conference Bridge # 978419.

## Every Friday is Panther Friday!

### Dates to note

2011 Sept 17 Family Weekend Oct 8 Homecoming

2012 Sept 29 Family Weekend Oct 13 Homecoming

Athletic schedules at <http://unipanthers.cstv.com>

UNI calendar at <https://access.uni.edu/acal/>

\*UNIAA calendar of events and event details at [www.unialum.org/events.shtml](http://www.unialum.org/events.shtml)



# Remember when... UNI is NCAA Cinderella

*'We know they put their shoes on same way we do,' Hills says, but Missouri discovers the Panthers are wearing glass sneakers*

By DOUG NEUHOFF  
Assistant Sports Editor

RICHMOND, Va. — You've gotta believe.

That's been Northern Iowa's unspoken motto here in its first trip to the NCAA basketball tournament, and Friday the Panthers made believers of Missouri with their 74-71 upset here at Richmond Coliseum.

"We expected to win," said senior Steve Phylle. "You have to call us Cinderellas because we're the underdog."

"I'm sure everybody in the nation will be calling us that, but we're as good as anybody here in the tournament."

"We have a chance just as much as anybody else to win the tournament."

Certainly, taking out Missouri, the third seed in this region, will earn the Panther the recognition they deserve.

"Somebody said this puts Northern Iowa on the map. I said Northern Iowa is already on the map."

Minnesota is up next / F1  
Game, and 'The Shot' / F10



AP Photo/Wide World Photo

The University of Northern Iowa bench erupts in an ecstatic frenzy as a game official signals with upraised arms that Panther guard Maurice Newby's last second, giant-killing three-point shot is good.

University of Northern Iowa

Today

Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614

Is this person no longer at this address? Let us know, so we can keep them in touch with their classmates and peers! E-mail [info@unialum.org](mailto:info@unialum.org) or call 888-UNI ALUM.

Presorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Des Moines, IA  
Permit No.589

Twenty years ago a Cinderella season sent the Panthers to their first NCAA men's basketball tournament, where they upset Missouri in the first round, before losing to Minnesota in round two.